

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A chair with a seat that folds down about a fixed horizontal ~~axis~~ axle and which is intended, in particular, to equip halls that receive the public, such as lecture theatres and/or show halls, comprising at least an underframe having an essentially longitudinal axis and to which a backrest may be fixed, and with respect to which a the fixed horizontal ~~axis~~ axle is determined, said seat comprising a first part projecting forwards with respect to said fixed horizontal axle, and a second part projecting towards said underframe, wherein said underframe contains a gas strut, one end of which is fixed to said ~~underframe, and another end of which is fixed to said~~ second part of said seat, ~~wherein said horizontal axis is carried by an arm which is free to rotate about a first of its ends which is fixed to said underframe, and wherein another end of said arm is mounted so that it can slide in a rail secured to said seat.~~

2. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said horizontal axle and said longitudinal axis of said underframe are spaced apart by a distance between about 2 and 15 cm.

3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The chair according to claim 2, wherein said distance is variable.

5. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ a rail collaborates with said seat to position said horizontal axle with respect to said seat according to an angle β by which said seat is deployed.

6 - 7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein an opening is made in said underframe, facing said second part of said seat, so as to partially accommodate said second part.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal axis makes a determined angle Beta with a vertical plane, said underframe being assembled telescopically, a first element of said underframe carrying said seat and said strut, and taking up vertical forces, while a second element of said underframe takes up those forces which are orthogonal to said vertical plane which are encountered when the chair is in use.

11. (original) The chair according to claim 10, wherein said second element is capable of carrying a work surface for a user seated behind said chair.